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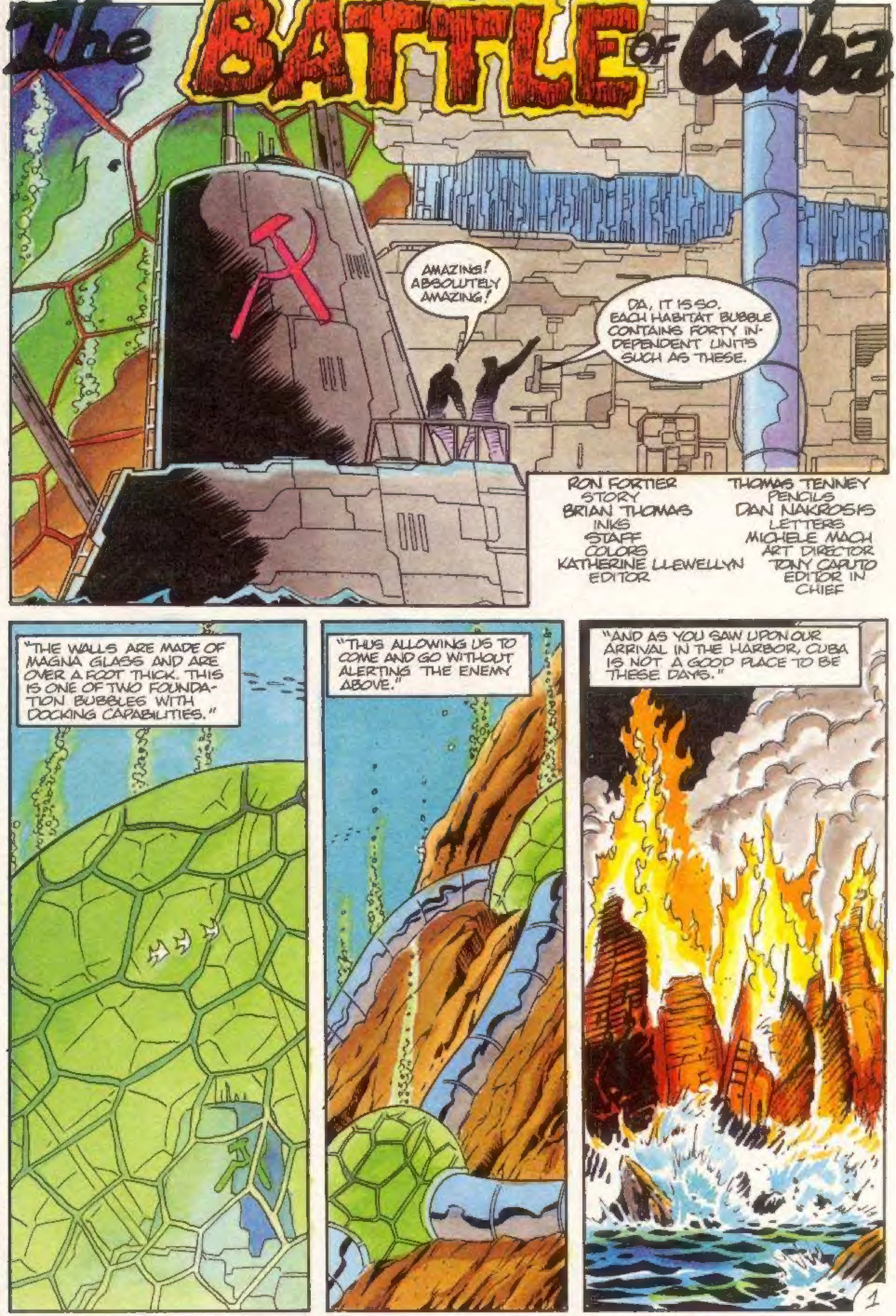
The BATTLE of Cuba
AMAZING! ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!
DA, IT IS SO. EACH HABITAT BUBBLE CONTAINS FORTY INDEPENDENT UNITS SUCH AS THESE.
RON FORTIER STORY
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"THE WALLS ARE MADE OF MAGNA GLASS AND ARE OVER A FOOT THICK. THIS IS ONE OF TWO FOUNDATION BUBBLES WITH DOCKING CAPABILITIES."
"THUS ALLOWING US TO COME AND GO WITHOUT ALERTING THE ENEMY ABOVE."
"AND AS YOU SAW UPON OUR ARRIVAL IN THE HARBOR, CUBA IS NOT A GOOD PLACE TO BE THESE DAYS."

WHAT'S ALL THE OOHING AND AAHING ABOUT UP HERE?
THIS PLACE IS LIKE SOME KIND OF LOST CIVILIZATION, KC.
MAYBE NOT UNLIKE YOUR OWN MOON BASE, DA MS. BERWANGER?
EXCEPT FOR IT BEING A REMARKABLE ENGINEERING FEAT AND A CLOSED ENVIRONMENT, THIS IS NOTHING LIKE LI'L HOUSTON, CAPTAIN.
AH, HERE COMES THE TWO MEN RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR WONDROUS HABITAT. COME, I KNOW THEY WILL BE MOST ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH YOU.
AH, WELCOME HOME, CAPTAIN. IT IS A RELIEF TO SEE THE SEA WIND BACK SAFE AND SOUND.
KHAHRAHSHO, PROFESSOR. IT IS GOOD TO BE HOME.
AND THESE ARE THE SUBJECTS OF YOUR RADIO MESSAGE?
DA, MAJOR. ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE COMMANDER MICHAIL LEAHY AND HIS ALLY, GASPAHZHAH KATRINA BERWANGER.
ER...IT'S REALLY MIKE.
CLOSE ENOUGH, CAPTAIN. HOW DO YOU DO GENTLEMEN?
"AND THIS IS PROFESSOR ANDREI MURIEVON, THE GENIUS BEHIND ALL YOU SEE, MY FRIENDS."
THE CAPTAIN EXAGGERATES CONSTANTLY, I'M AFRAID. STILL, WELCOME TO HABITAT.
"MAJOR SERGAI ROMCHEKI, COMMANDER OF THE JOINT SOVIET-CUBAN FREEDOM FORCES."
YOUR ARRIVAL IS MOST FORTUITOUS, COMMANDER LEAHY. WE HAVE A DESPERATE NEED FOR EXPERIENCED COMBAT LEADERS.
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FROM WHAT WE SAW GOING ON TOPSIDE, MAJOR, YOU HAVE A DISTINCT WAY OF UNDERSTATING THE SITUATION.
AFTER EVERYTHING CAPTAIN ROSTOF HAS DONE FOR US, WE CAN HARDLY REFUSE, MAJOR. BUT WHY IS SKYNET SO DETERMINED TO TAKE THE ISLAND?
OH, IT'S NOT CUBA, SKYNET IS AFTER. IT IS HABITAT. COME, LET US SHOW YOU WHAT WE HAVE DEVELOPED HERE, AND YOU WILL BETTER UNDERSTAND OUR SITUATION.
AN, EXCELLENT IDEA, DA. THE OTHERS CAN JOIN US LATER.
WHERE ARE THE REST OF YOUR GROUP, COMMANDER LEAHY?
THEY'RE IN THE SEA WIND'S SICK BAY.
I HOPE IT IS NOTHING SERIOUS?
NOT REALLY, PROFESSOR. ONE IS RECOVERING FROM A BULLET WOUND, WHEREAS THE OTHER TWO ARE ATTEMPTING TO SURVIVE...
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...A RAPIDLY ESCALATING PREGNANCY.
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TWINS? ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY SURE, ESSIE?
OH, CHI, I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO SPRING IT ON YOU LIKE THAT. DR. YERKOLL JUST TOLD ME MY BIO-SCAN REVEALED TWO BABIES INSTEAD OF ONE.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, MR. GOW? YOU TOOK A NASTY BUMP ON THE HEAD WHEN YOU PASSED OUT.
YES, THAT'S A NICE GOOSE...OUCH...EGG BACK THERE. BUT I'M OKAY. IT'S JUST AN AWFUL LOT TO DIGEST SO FAST.
OH, CHI, I'M NOTHING BUT A BURDEN ON YOU.
I'LL HAVE NONE OF THAT, ESSIE DORIAN. THE SOON TO BE MOTHER OF MY CHILDREN IS NOT GOING TO START FEELING SORRY FOR HERSELF. YOU HEAR ME?
OH CHI, I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.
I KNOW, LITTLE FLOWER. BY ALL THE STARS IN HEAVEN, I DO KNOW THAT.
WELL, NATALIE, HOW IS OUR OTHER PATIENT DOING?
CONSIDERING THE ATTENTION HE IS GETTING FROM OUR LT. RAMIREZ, HE SHOULD BE UP AND ABOUT SOON ENOUGH.
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THIS IS WHAT SKYNET HAS BEEN AFTER, COMMANDER LEAHY, OUR STATE OF THE ARTS WEAPONS DEVELOP-MENT CENTER.
DID I NOT SAY IT WAS ALL UNBELIEVABLE?
I'LL RESERVE JUDGEMENT UNTIL I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF TOYS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE.
GOOD OLD MIKE, THE DEPENDABLE SKEPTIC.
THOSE ARE MOBILE CHARGE PLASMA CANNONS WITH TEN TIMES THE RANGE AND POWER OF YOUR NORMAL PLASMA ASSAULT RIFLE.
THE PYLONS OVER THERE ARE REINFORCED CEMENT FIVE FEET THICK. OBSERVE CAREFULLY.

MY GOD! THEY'LL BE RIPPED TO SHREDS!
THOSE ARE PORTABLE FORCE FIELDS!
INDEED. EACH BELT CONTAINS A MINI-GENERATOR THAT IS POWERED BY A SINGLE DROP OF PLUTONIUM.
THE RIFLE, THE BELT. THESE ARE INSIGNIFICANT COMPARED TO OUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT IN MOBILE TACTICS, HEH PROFESSOR?
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"MAJOR ROMCHECKI IS REFERRING TO OUR REMARKABLE METAL SUIT OF POWER ARMOR."
I DON'T MEAN TO BE TAKING YOU AWAY FROM YOUR WORK, SGT. STANOS.
IS NO PROBLEM, YANKEE DOYLE. IS BIG PLACE, THIS PLACE. NO?
I WON'T ARGUE THAT, SARGE.
"POWER ARMOR? COME ON, PROFESSOR. THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF AN OLD TIME TV SHOW."
"I ASSURE YOU, COMMANDER LEAHY. THE POWER ARMOR IS A REALITY. ALBEIT AN UNSTABLE ONE."
HOLY HANNAH! WHAT'S THAT?
EMERGENCY ENTRY! TROOPS RETURNING FROM THE SURFACE!
"UNSTABLE? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, PROFESSOR?"
HELP US, PLEASE! THE METAL ONE, IS DYING!
MOVE HIM OUT, QUICKLY.
"UNLIKE THE FORCE FIELD BELT, THE BODY ARMOR IS CONTROLLED BY THE WEARER'S ELECTRICAL BRAIN ACTIVITY."
GET HIM OUT OF THE SUIT! YURI, FETCH THE MAJOR AND THE PROFESSOR AT ONCE! YOU OTHERS, HELP ME!
DA, SERGEANT!
"ALPHA WAVES MUST BE PRODUCED CONSTANTLY TO KEEP THE SUIT FUNCTIONING AT PEAK CAPACITY. IT WREAKS HAVOC ON THE NERVOUS SYSTEM IN A MATTER OF MINUTES."
HE WAS FANTASTICO IN BATTLE. MANY TERMINARS FELL BEFORE HIS MIGHTY BLOWS!
SI, SI. WE SAW IT ALL.
DON'T DIE, PIETROF! DO YOU HEAR ME, DON'T DIE!

FIFTEEN ELECTRODE RECEPTORS INTERPRET THE WEARER'S MENTAL COMMANDS INTO THE SUIT'S OPERATIVE CONTROL MECH-ANISMS. FROM LASER GAUNT-LETS TO POWER SHIELDS
THE STRAIN IS TREMENDOUS ON CERTAIN NEURAL SYNAPSES. THE OUTPUT REQUIRED DRAINS THE NERVOUS SYSTEM UNTIL IT HAS NOTHING LEFT TO GIVE.
SERGEANT... cough... IT HURTS... SO... BAD... cough...
"UNTIL THEY... HAVE NOTHING LEFT AT ALL."
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WHILE IN HABITAT'S WEAPONS LAB, THINGS ARE HAPPENING FAST.
WELL, WHAT IS THE NEWS, CORPORAL?
OUR TOP POST IN ALPHA PERIMETER DOES NOT REPLY, MAJOR.
BETA UNIT REPORTS THEY'VE BEEN KNOCKED OUT BY AN ASSAULT FORCE.
WELL PROFESSOR, IT WOULD APPEAR WE HAVE, AT LONG LAST, BEEN DISCOVERED.
HOW DESPERATE IS OUR POSITION, MAJOR?
IMPOSSIBLE, MY FRIEND. THEY HAVE THE SUPERIOR FORCE, AND WE HAVE NOWHERE TO RUN.
I'M AFRAID WE ARE FINISHED!
PERHAPS HABITAT WILL BE LOST, MAJOR. BUT WE CAN STILL SAVE SOME OF HER TREASURES.
THE SEA WIND! OF COURSE! DO WE HAVE ENOUGH TIME?
MY MEN WILL GIVE YOU THAT TIME.
YO, LEAHY, KC. LOOKS LIKE THE SLAMMERS ARRIVED JUST IN TIME FOR THE PARTY, AS USUAL.
YEAH, WE MUST BE LUCKY.
WE'VE GOT TO HELP THESE PEOPLE, MIKE.

WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS, MAJOR?
I WANT YOU TO COORDINATE OUR DEFENSE IMMEDIATELY. ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE TO ARM THEMSELVES AND PREPARE FOR COMBAT.
ALL CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WILL BEGIN TRANSPORTING MATERIALS TO SUB. I LEAVE YOU TO DECIDE WHAT HAS PRIORITY, ANDREI
UNDERSTOOD MAJOR, WE'LL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY
SOME OF MY SAILORS CAN HELP WITH THAT. THE OTHERS WILL SEE TO PREPARING THE SHIP FOR IMMEDIATE CAST OFF
MAJOR ROMCHEKI. THE SLAMMERS WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS FRACAS, IF YOU'LL HAVE US?
OF COURSE, COMMANDER THE WOMEN CAN JOIN SGT. STAMOS AND THE TROOPS. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN CREATING A DEFENSIVE CAMPAIGN
YOU HEARD THE MAN. LET'S JUMP TO IT.
SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD TIME TO ME.
WATCH YOURSELF, MIKE
"WATCH YOURSELF, MIKE." YUCK. ARE ALL YOU MOON FOLKS SAPPY?
I WAS NOT BEING SAPPY!
WE HAVE THREE MAIN ENTRIES FROM THE CITY THAT CONNECT TO US, COMMANDER.
THE ENEMY HAS APPARENTLY LOCATED THE CENTRAL SHAFT CALLED ALPHA
LOOKS LIKE IT'S TIME TO GET OUT THE WELCOME WAGON, MAJOR

IT'S STARTING TO GET ROUGH OUT THERE, ESSIE.
MAYBE WE SHOULD GO FIND THE COMMANDER AND THE OTHERS AND HELP THEM?
WE WOULD ONLY BE IN THE WAY. BESIDES, GETTING THESE SPECIAL WEAPONS STORED IS JUST AS IMPORTANT.
OF COURSE IT IS, CHI. I'M JUST SCARED FOR THEM, THAT'S ALL.
I KNOW. I WONDER HOW WELL SLAGER IS TAKING HIS CONFINEMENT TO SICK BAY RIGHT ABOUT NOW?
THAT'S IT! I'M OUT OF HERE!
AND WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU THINK YOU ARE GOING TO DO, SIGNOR? YOU CANNOT EVEN STAND WITHOUT GETTING DIZZY.
YEAH? WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT, LADY. WHERE ARE MY CLOTHES?
OVER IN THE CLOSET BY THE FAR WALL. IF YOU FEEL YOU MUST DO THIS THING
I DO. TOM SLAGER DOESN'T SIT OUT ANY FIGHT.

OF COURSE, SIGNOR TOM
I KNEW.. cough... YOU'D SEE IT MY WAY, MARIA.
FORGIVE ME, SIGNOR...
...AND SLEEP WELL.
THE HABITAT ARMORY
THE SWITCH TO THE SHIELD BATTERIES IS THE RED KNOB, GAHSPAHZHAH.
THANK YOU, SERGEANT I HOPE I CAN GET THE HANG OF IT!
WHAT ABOUT THAT FANCY ARMOR SUIT, ANY-WAY? IS IT REALLY AS BAD AS IT LOOKS?
THERE IS ENOUGH POWER IN THIS ONE GLOVE TO TAKE OUT A FLYING HK.
WHOA! IS ANYONE GOING TO USE THAT ONE?
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DA, YANKEE DOYLE. I AM.
THEY COME!
CLANK
THUNK!
KA-BLAM!

THEY ARE GOING TO OVERRUN US!
TELL ME SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW.
RUN!
AHHH!
MOVE!

THE MAN'S GOT A POINT!
WHERE THE HELL IS SGT. STAMOS AND THAT POWER SUIT?
"GOOD QUESTION"
HURRY, DOYLE. OUR COMRADES NEED US BADLY.
IT'S THESE STUPID STICKERS. I'M NOT USED TO THIS SORT OF STUFF
NYETH!
HEEEY!
AGH!
THINGS ARE STARTING TO GET HOT AROUND HERE!

THEY'RE STARTING TO WEAKEN THE BUBBLE STRUCTURE, CAPTAIN
AGREED. WE'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH SOUND THE SIGNAL TO OUR FRIENDS.
SI, CAPITAN. AT ONCE.
AND PRAY TO YOUR MADONNA WE HAVEN'T TARRIED TOO LONG ALREADY.
NO MORE TIME! DROP ALL AND GET ABOARD! EVERY ONE!
WOOOOOOOOO!
THAT'S ROSTOF'S SIGNAL IF WE DON'T MAKE OUR MOVE, HE'LL LEAVE US HERE.
I'D RATHER DIE TRYING THAN JUST SIT HERE AND TAKE IT.
SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE MADE UP YOUR MIND, MISS BERWANGER.
MY FATHER ALWAYS SAID A BAD DECISION IS STILL BETTER THAN NO DECISION AT ALL.
MIRAR! LOOK! HE IS BACK!

THE METAL WARRIOR!
HE WILL SAVE US!
GRACIAS, HOLY MOTHER.
IT'S ABOUT TIME.
UNREAL!
SOMETHING IS WRONG? THAT IS NOT SGT. STANOS?
THERE! THAT'S THE ONE WE WANT. GET HIM!
COME AND GET IT!

YAHOO!
DOYLE?
HI GANG! THIS IS MORE FUN THAN I'VE HAD IN AGES.
WHAT HAPPENED TO SGT STANOS?
HE'S DEAD. COMMANDER, YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW.
AND YOU'LL FIGHT A REAR ACTION, RIGHT?
I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A HERO, JUST ONCE.
OKAY, DOYLE, IT'S YOUR SHOW.
HEY, WAIT A SECOND...
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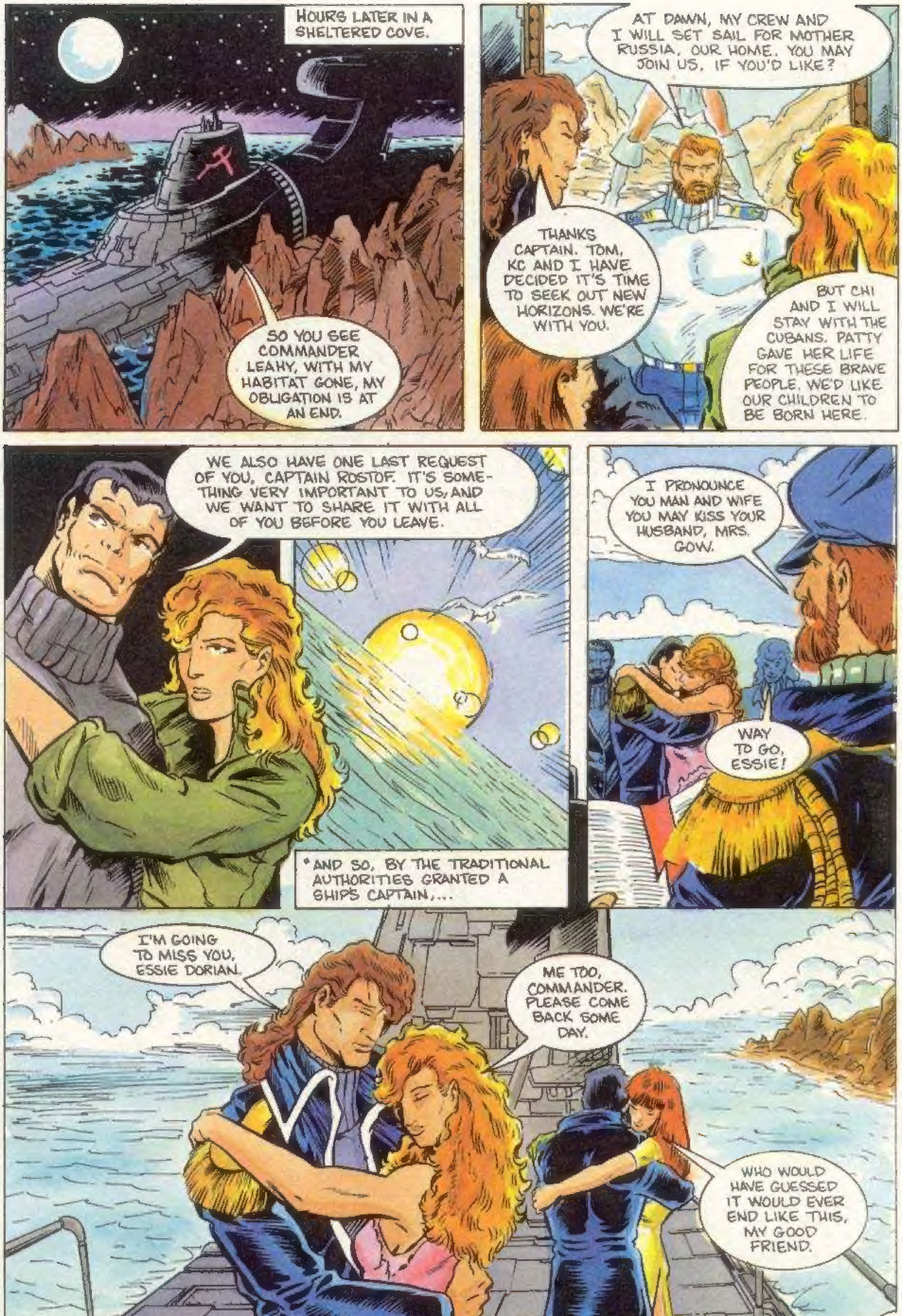
SHUT UP, KC, AND GET OUT OF HERE, NOW!
RUN FOR THE SHIP! ALL OF YOU!
THEY'RE TRYING TO ESCAPE!
ALRIGHT 'NATORS, LET'S PARTY!
BUTCHERS!

HURRY! GET ABOARD!
MIGUEL! HE'S BACK THERE!
HE IS LOST! NOW GET IN BEFORE YOU KILL US ALL!
DIVE! ALL ENGINES FULL SPEED!

KC? WHERE'S PATTY?
NO...

WE GO TO HEAVEN TOGETHER, ME AND THE METAL WARRIOR.
THE CEILING IS GOING!


HOURS LATER IN A SHELTERED COVE.
SO YOU SEE COMMANDER LEAHY, WITH MY HABITAT GONE, MY OBLIGATION IS AT AN END.
AT DAWN, MY CREW AND I WILL SET SAIL FOR MOTHER RUSSIA, OUR HOME. YOU MAY JOIN US, IF YOU'D LIKE?
THANKS CAPTAIN. TOM, KC AND I HAVE DECIDED IT'S TIME TO SEEK OUT NEW HORIZONS. WE'RE WITH YOU.
BUT CHI AND I WILL STAY WITH THE CUBANS. PATTY GAVE HER LIFE FOR THESE BRAVE PEOPLE. WE'D LIKE OUR CHILDREN TO BE BORN HERE.
WE ALSO HAVE ONE LAST REQUEST OF YOU, CAPTAIN ROSTOF. IT'S SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO US, AND WE WANT TO SHARE IT WITH ALL OF YOU BEFORE YOU LEAVE.
*AND SO, BY THE TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES GRANTED A SHIPS CAPTAIN,...
I PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND WIFE YOU MAY KISS YOUR HUSBAND, MRS. GOW.
WAY TO GO, ESSIE!
I'M GOING TO MISS YOU, ESSIE DORIAN.
ME TOO, COMMANDER. PLEASE COME BACK SOME DAY.
WHO WOULD HAVE GUESSED IT WOULD EVER END LIKE THIS, MY GOOD FRIEND.

NO, KC. THIS IS NOT THE END. IT IS A NEW BEGINNING.
AH, SIGNOR SLAGER. ISN'T ROMANCE WONDERFUL?
COME, THE TIDE IS UP AND WE MUST BE OFF. THE LIFE BOATS ARE WAITING. THE BEST FAREWELLS ARE BRIEF ONES.
THE BRAVE HEART IS IMMORTAL.